

Cuyuna Range Lion's Club
Club Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2024
Salem Lutheran Church

Lion LeAnn Tichenor called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance were: LeAnn and Terry Tichenor, Marian and Steve Freese, Mark and Diane Boike, MaryLou and Dave Smith, MaryJo Wehseler, Ed and Jan Anderson, Bonnie Rekucki, Jim and Birdie Walth, Mike and Jean Shermock, Ron and Laura Martin, Mike and Julie Aspelin, Karla Peterson, Chuck Lubowitz, Robin Novotny and Dennis Nyberg,

Introduce and Welcome Guests: There were no guests present today.

Table Grace & Meal: Lion Jim Walth

Program: No program today.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Lion Karla with a 2nd by Lion Mark. No discussion. Motion voted and passed.

Approval of August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed without any changes. Motion was made by Lion Diane with a 2nd by Lion Robin. Motion was voted and passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Lion Steve was not present to give an update. Members reviewed the report that was given to everyone. Motion made by Lion Ed with a 2nd by Lion Chuck to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion voted and passed.

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from the Bialka family (Lion Bonnie's family), the Knights of Columbus for the Coats for Kids Drive and Interfaith Volunteers for our donation.

Requests for Donations:

1. Confidence Learning Center: We give a donation to this organization in the spring. We will address the donation at that time.
2. Leader Dog : The donation to Leader Dog is part of our yearly International Majors donation. This donation was approved at the last meeting and a check has been written.

Committee Reports:

1. Chaplain: Lion Marian was not present at this time to give a report. No other Lions had anything to report.
2. Heritage Days:
 - a. Car Show: We did well with the car show. We received \$817 for the car show and had \$547 in expenses with a net income of \$274.49. Lion Ron reported that he has a sponsor lined up for next year. The sponsor wants to remain anonymous as he is a participant in the car show. Lions Wayne and Carol helped a lot.

- b. Food Both: Lion Dave reported that we had a net gain of \$1007 for the day. This is a great amount for a one day event. We sold out of all food by 2:00. We sold 75 pork chops, 90 burgers and 60 hot dogs.
 - c. Tractor Pull: Lion Steve thanked everyone that helped make this event happen. There were 47 kids that participated in the tractor pull. We received \$200 from the fire department to help with the cost of the event. During discussion it was decided that we will continue with the tractor pull during Heritage Days and no longer participate in Summerfest/Deerwood Days. The tractor pull brought in a lot of people to the food truck which helped with sales.
3. Peaches: Lion Karla thanked Lion Judy for all of the work she put in to getting the peaches ordered and delivered. It was a lot of work.
- a. We sold a total of 575 flats with a net income of \$3369.90. If we had extra peaches to see we would have most likely sold them.
 - b. Traffic control was an issue during pick up. People were gathering at the tables instead of staying in their vehicles. A more efficient design/approach for pick up will be set up for next year.
 - c. There is discussion about the possibility of working with the Aitkin Lions club when it comes time for delivery to help with the costs.
 - d. We need a bigger social media push next year.
 - e. Communication needs to be clearer in order to sell more peaches.
 - f. Should we have pre sales with a cut off date to alleviate some confusion on who purchased what?
 - g. Personal visits to local businesses for peach sales.
 - h. Better follow up on orders for confirmation and also for day and time of pick up.
4. Riverton Park Project: Lion Laura and Lion MaryLou met with two members of the Riverton City Council to discuss their ideas/thoughts on park improvements.
- a. The council provided some ideas on new equipment they might like to see in the park
 - b. The council is looking at \$5000 for this project. Lion Ron stated there is a grant possibility through International to receive matching funds.
 - c. At this time, we are in the planning stages and no action will be taken this year. We will work on implementing a plan and begin working in the spring of 2025. Any donation for this project will be a 2025 donation.
 - d. This will be an ongoing service project for our club. We will need to decide on funds and hours to be spent for a long term commitment such as this. The club would have its name on the park.
 - e. In return for our assistance on this project, Riverton is providing to us free storage of our food truck.
5. Shed and Food Truck Clean Up:
- a. Shed Clean Up: Lion Mark reported that a crew needs to meet at the shed to see what needs to be done and then work through all of the "stuff" in the shed.
 - i. Need to get the shed rodent proof
 - ii. Get rid of items no longer needed or of use to us. There is quite a bit we do not need.
 - iii. If you want to work on this project, let Lion Mark know. Lion Dave said he would work on this project.
 - iv. Would like to get this project complete in October.
 - b. Food Truck Cleanup and Maintenance – Lion Ron reported we have an indoor space to store the food truck this winter.
 - i. He will reach out to those that have indicated they would like to work on this project.

- ii. A list will be made of items needed to get the work done and try get a deal on the items needed.
6. Roadside Cleanup: Lions Karla and Chuck are heading up this event. The clean up will take place on Oct. 12. Those that have signed up to help will meet at the Ironton sign at 8:00 a.m. on October 12.
7. 26 Club: Lion Mark reported we have been approved. Paperwork at city hall and then sent to the state with a check. Tickets will be forthcoming. We have two months to sell the tickets and the event will take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Town Tavern, 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Fundraising Suggestions
 - a. Heritage Days: The Board decided at this time it was not in our best interest to move forward with taking over the management of Heritage Days. We do not have an organization large enough to handle everything that involves planning and hosting an event of that size. However, food operations for our club are very successful. We are allowed 10 days per year with our food license. One suggestion was possibly setting up one day during the Farmer's Market in both Deerwood and Crosby. Another would be during the Christmas Festival in the park.
 - b. Directory: The Board also reviewed the suggestion of compiling a directory. The consensus was this would be a lot of work and not beneficial to have a hard copy directory. Lion Denny reported that the Canadian club that did the directory made close to a million dollars.
 - c. Lion Jim suggested we make donuts. This was an event done at his church by the youth group years ago. We could rent a donut making machine and take preorders for the donuts. Lion Chuck will work with Lion Jim on this idea and bring information to the club once they have it.

New Business:

1. Awards Committee: Lion Ed will chair this committee as he is the Membership Chair and the doctrine states the Membership Chair is also the Awards Committee Chair. Lion Mark will work with him on the awards. Some awards available to our members are the Melvin Jones Award, the Helen Keller Award and President's Awards that are at the President's discretion. Any names brought to the committee stays within the committee and with the president. Members can contact Ed or Mark if they have nominations or would like to be part of the committee.
2. Donations to Majors: There were three donations that were not part of last month's meeting but are part of the Majors donation for the year. A vote was taken by e-mail for these donations to be included:
 - a. MD5M Kid Sight: Lion Laura informed the club that this program covers vision screening for children worldwide so any vision defects can be detected before it becomes a bigger problem. Lion Karla moved that \$300 be donated to this major. A second was made by Lion Terry. Motion voted and passed
 - b. Team Sheehan Charitable Fund: Lion Laura informed the club that this major provides matching funds for Lions project grant. The maximum match is \$3000. Lion Steve made a motion to donate \$200 to this major. A second was made by Lion Ed. Motion voted and passed.

- c. Special Olympics: Lion LeAnn stated that this donation is for the International Majors and not the local Special Olympics we donate to. Lion Ed made a motion to donate \$200 to the Majors Special Olympics with a 2nd by Lion Ron. The motion was voted and passed.

Tail Twister: Lion Terry had a quiz on Culinary topics. The winner with the most correct answers was Lion Laura.

Meal Winner: Lion Dave is the winner for next month's free meal.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Lion Ron with a 2nd by Lion MaryJo to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion voted and passed.

Upcoming Events:

10-03-24: Lion's Board Meeting at the Hallett Library, 6:00 p.m.

10-17-24: Lion's Club Meeting at Salem Lutheran Church Social Hall, 6:00 p.m. Social, Meeting begins at 7:00

Minutes respectfully submitted by MaryLou Smith